



Stone Wall

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JEFFERY McCLURKEN SPEAKS ON "TAKE CARE OF THE LIVING: RECONSTRUCTING CONFEDERATE VETERAN FAMILIES IN VIRGINIA"



The Civil War devastated literally all of the entire state of Virginia's landscape and population as well. Battles fought throughout the state caused tremendous hardship for all the civilians working hard to provide for their families. As armies on both sides marched throughout Virginia, destruction followed and continued well after 9 April 1865 at Appomattox. Misery wasn't over for months and years to come. We are so fortunate to have a professor from the University of Mary Washington visit us for more on this human tragedy.

Dr. Jeffrey McClurken is a graduate of Mary Washington College (UMW), having received his BA degree in history in 1994. He received his Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in 2003. His recent work, "Take Care of the Living: Reconstructing Virginia's Confederate Veteran Families", examines the long-term consequences of the Civil War for veterans and their families in Southside Virginia.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, OCT. 11, 2018

7 P.M. Centreville Library

GUEST SPEAKER:

Dr. Jeff McClurken

TOPIC:

**"Take Care of the Living:
Reconstructing Confederate
Veteran Families in Virginia"**

He is currently Professor of History and American Studies and Chief of Staff to the President of the University of Mary Washington. He also oversees the Division of Teaching and Learning Technologies and the Digital Knowledge Center. He previously served as Department Chair of History and American Studies and as the Special Assistant to the Provost for Teaching, Technology, and Innovation. He is mainly responsible for the Department's offerings in 19th-Century social and cultural history, technology, gender studies, and digital history. He has also served UMW in numerous capacities, including as a member of the UMW Alumni Board and chair of the President's Technology Advisory Council. In 2017, University of Mary Washington faculty member Jeffrey W. McClurken was appointed as Special Advisor to the president.

Come on out, meet and dine with Jeffery and other round table members at 5 p.m. before the meeting at Carrabba's Italian Grill, 5805 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. (703) 266-9755



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JOIN US AT CARRABBA'S

Do you come directly to the monthly meeting from work and look for a place to eat, or would you just like to come early to dinner?

Join BRCWRT members and our monthly guest speaker for good food and camaraderie.

We are currently meeting around 5 p.m. at Carrabba's Italian Grill located just across Lee Highway from the Centreville Regional Library.

BRCWRT BOOK DONATIONS

Please remember to bring your unwanted Civil War books to our meetings to aid in our ongoing book event. Besides raising money for the BRCWRT, these books increase our members' understanding of the Civil War. Thank you.



UPCOMING MEETINGS 2018-2019

November 8—Mark Dunkleman, "Gettysburg's Unknown Soldier: The Life, Death, and Celebrity of Amos Humiston"

December 13—Eric Buckland, "They rode with Mosby"

January 17—Manassas National Battlefield Park Superintendent Brandon Bies will talk about bodies found on the battlefield.

February 14—Gene Schmiel, "The Battle of Antietam and the Union Command Controversy"

March 14—Eric Whittenberg, "Cavalry Action at Battle of Chickamauga"

April 11—Noah Cincinnati, "Seed and Blood: Slavery & American Capitalism"

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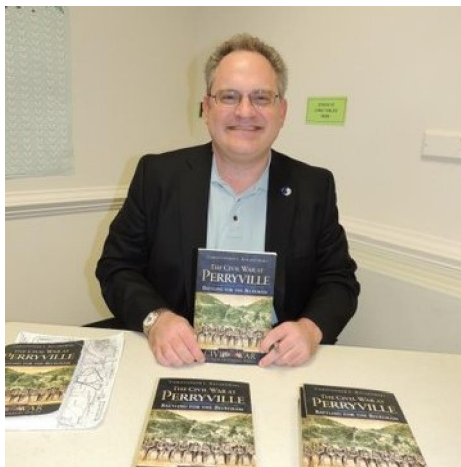
The President's Column By Mark Trbovich

Bull Run Civil War Round Table Members,

Fall is here, and as the leaves turn their beautiful colors, we enjoy the best time of the year in Virginia. This summer was hot, along with a possible hurricane, but we endured and had a great time at many Civil War events in August and September. The Manassas City event at Liberia and the Ben Lomond 157th Manassas events brought us over 30 new members, now currently totaling 273 for the year! Tremendous achievement, and special thanks to Mark Whinton and team, for all the work that went into that outreach. Thank you so much all for your hard work! We have some events this fall, so please read your newsletter for more details.

We had a very successful tour of the Bristoe Station Battlefield on September 29, 2018. Thank you BRCWRT Tour Director Scott Kenep and Tour Guide Bill Backus, the Historic Site Manager at Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park and a round table member for leading the tour on a battlefield we, as an organization, fully support.

October is the first month of the BRCWRT's process for the 2019 election of officers, according to our by-laws. We will be bringing relevant information to the meeting. Voting on the 2019 roster of officers will take place at the December meeting. We are happy to report that John De Pue and Ed Wenzel will head up our nominating committee this year.



Chris Kolakowski
Photo by Janet Greentree

The August 8th meeting brought us an outstanding lecture from Chris Kolakowski on the fighting to control Kentucky on the 1862 campaign. He took us day-by-day through the armies' maneuvering and com-

menced with the mighty battle of Perryville to decide who would control this border state. Thanks again Chris, and hope to see you again for another exciting lecture.



"The Replacements" — Brian McEnany and Jim Lewis. Photo by Janet Greentree

Our September 13th meeting had a change of speakers due major Hurricane Florence approaching the region. Eric Whittenberg had to cancel due to traveling from Ohio (he will come back for our March 14, 2019 meeting). Our own Jim Lewis and Brian McEnany took his place and spoke on "Sunstroke and Ankle-Deep Mud" about the arduous movement of tens of thousands of men, wagons and horses of the Union II Corps across Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun counties on the march to Gettysburg. Jim and Brian did a fantastic job; and rave reviews were received. Well done gentlemen, and thanks again for stepping in. Don't forget you can "tune in" to all of our lectures, along with Power Point slides, at our Web site audio archives, located at http://bullruncwrt.org/BRCWRT/AudioArchives/Audio_menu.html.

The year 2018 was a banner year for membership with currently 273 members and hope for many more in 2019. My personal goal for our round table was and has been 300 members from when I started as your president in 2010. We can do it as we have grown every year since then. As always, I fully encourage everyone to bring new folks to join.

We were so happy to have held our 2018 3rd Annual Members Picnic at The Winery at Bull Run on Sunday, September 16th. Due to the threat of hurricane rains, we were treated again to hold it inside at the outstanding Barrel Room and were hosted by the owner Jon Hickox. Thank you, Jon, for treating us like family. We appreciate you and your staff so much. Your presentation with personal Civil War memorabilia was much enjoyed by all.

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On a sad note, our dear newsletter editor Nadine Mironchuk, is at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston as of 19 September. Our prayers are for a full recovery for her soon. Saundra Cox has agreed to fill in as this month's *Stone Wall* editor. The BRCWRT has sent her flowers to show our concern and appreciation.

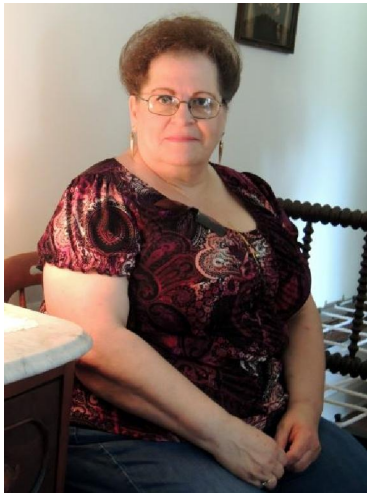


Photo of Nadine at the Mudd House taken by Janet Greentree

Your Executive Committee has been working overtime on new initiatives for constantly improving our round table's vision and mission. This year will be another tremendous year for us at the BRCWRT, as we continued to bring great lectures and events to the membership. Preservation chair Blake Myers and his team have been working on many projects this year and look to be involved with many more in 2019. Our new Marketing Committee chair, Stephanie Vale, needs volunteers as she unveils our BRCWRT to a larger audience in the region. Please try to make it out to each meeting as we will have so much local Civil War information to get out to you and also to friends with whom you fellowship.

In the coming months, we will continue to offer for sale Ed Wenzel's *Chronology of the Civil War of Fairfax County*. This book is the perfect gift for the Civil War and history enthusiast on your upcoming holiday shopping list. The BRCWRT 25th anniversary book will also be on sale at the meetings and on the Web site.

As the year moves forward, we will be here bringing you the best Civil War lectures, tours, events and newsletters in the region, with preservation and education as a solid part of our mission.

Let us never forget the people who served and what they did for us.

God Bless all of you.

PRESERVATION CORNER

By Blake Myers

The following is an update of the BRCWRT's 2018 preservation activities. The list of activities is not presented in any priority order, and the information for each item is presented as a summary of relevant preservation actions, along with the current status.

ROUTE 28 TRANSPORTATION STUDY & PROJECT

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) in 2017 completed a Route 28 Corridor Feasibility Study with the goal of identifying infrastructure projects that will improve travel times and network reliability within the Route 28 Corridor through Prince William County, the City of Manassas and the City of Manassas Park.

In September 2017 the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NOVA Parks), the Civil War Trust (CWT) and the BRCWRT submitted letters to the Executive Committee of the Route 28 Study Feasibility Study documenting the following concerns and their non-support of Alternative 2B, the Feasibility Study's highest ranked alternative.

- Alternative 2B would have significant negative impacts on the Bull Run Regional Park, including core acreage of the Blackburn's Ford Battlefield (July 18, 1861).
- The proposed route's northern section cuts through a significant portion of Bull Run Regional Park land and core battlefield area, as determined by the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission (CWSAC).
- Alternative 2B is incompatible with the historic and scenic character of the Bull Run Regional Park and would significantly degrade the integrity of the Blackburn's Ford Battlefield, the quality of the visitor experience and the area's scenic and historic view shed.

The next step is initiation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process to select a preferred alternative that can then proceed to design and construction. For any proposed Route 28 improvements an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) required by the Federal Highway Administration

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(FHWA), will refine the purpose and need for the project, refine the alternatives evaluated for the project, identify environmental resources and environmental impacts, evaluate avoidance/minimization of impacts to those resources, and identify a preferred alternative. The EIS process will include public and stakeholder involvement.

The NEPA process, expected to last 24-36 months, was initiated in the spring of 2018. Parsons Engineering, selected as the consultant to conduct the study, initiated preliminary work with *Right-of-Entry* letters sent to 400 property owners in the Route 28 Corridor. Field surveys for wetlands, cultural resources, and social justice issues began in June 2018.

The Prince William County Department of Transportation plans on holding a public information meeting in the Fall of 2018, with a specific date to be determined.

Manassas National Battlefield Park Transform 66 Outside the Beltway Project

As part of a major I-66 improvement project, Dynamic Tolling Express Lanes will be extended from the Capital Beltway to Gainesville. <http://outside.transform66.org/>. The project includes:

- Multi-modal improvements to 22.5 miles of I-66
- Two Dynamic Tolling Express Lanes in each direction from I-495 to Gainesville
- Three General Purpose Lanes in each direction
- HOV and transit access to Express Lanes
- Median Space reserved for future transit
- Improved park-and-ride options with access to Express Lanes
- Bike-pedestrian trail integrated with existing and planned trails

The initial design included two elevated access ramps on both ends of Manassas National Battlefield Park's (MNBPN) Portici Plantation tract bordering I-66, which would have negatively impacted the view shed, traffic noise and the overall MNBPN visitor experience. BRCWRT, MNBPN and other Consulting Parties sought relocation of the two Elevated Access Ramps (EARs) to less impactful sites.....or appropriate mitigation measures. VDOT established a Consulting Party/stakeholder coordination group to assess and hopefully resolve the issues raised regarding the impact of planned

EARs. This group met with VDOT and Express Mobility Partners (project contracting team) representatives this year on 23 January, 21 February, 22 March, 26 April, 31 May, 28 June and 1 August to review project design updates and conduct discussions. These meetings included two site visits to MNBPN and the Protici site and detailed reviews of EAR design changes incorporated by VDOT and EMP to mitigate the impacts of the EARs on MNBPN. The cumulative design changes culminated in EAR Option 6 which included use of at-grade slip ramps, shifting location of the EARs to take advantage of terrain and relative natural elevation differences to mask the EARs from view, reduction of vertical profile (parapet height to be 3.5 feet) and lighting embedded in ramp parapet (no overhead lighting).

During the August 1, 2018 meeting with Consulting Parties, VDOT provided its position on EAR impacts on MNBPN.

- With EAR Option 6 design changes to avoid incidental impacts, there is no incremental increase in noise or visibility on MNBPN that would justify a change to the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) issued on June 26, 2017.
- No further mitigation actions are deemed necessary or appropriate.

Consulting Parties, including BRCWRT, the National Park Service (NPS)/ MNBPN, Southern Environmental Law Center, National Parks Conservation Association, American Battlefield Trust, Piedmont Environmental Council, Coalition for Smarter Growth, National Trust for Historic Preservation and Prince William County Conservation Alliance submitted responses to VDOT that, while recognizing the significant progress made to reduce the adverse impact of the EAR's on MNBPN, the visual impact of the westbound EAR constitutes an adverse effect that will require significant mitigation.

In a September 10, 2018 letter to Virginia DHR/SHPO, VDOT acknowledged and respected the opinions of MNBPN and other Consulting Parties regarding their concerns of historic property effects, but provided the VDOT position that the design modifications included in Option 6 result in an ATC 30 design concept that is consistent with the original No Adverse Effects determination. The letter also conveyed VDOT's willingness to incorporate specific

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additional design and project commitments (page 5 of letter) into ATC30/Option 6 that will serve as mitigation measures and serve to avoid adverse effects. The letter requested that the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concur that ATC 30/Option 6, incorporating the additional commitments, is consistent with the existing no-adverse-effect determination.

In its September 20, 2018 response to VDOT, Virginia DHR provides its opinion that the west-bound ramp will introduce a new visual element into the landscape that did not exist previously, and was not anticipated when DHR made its Conditional No Adverse Effect recommendation (June 2017). The letter provides DHR's recommendation that the west-bound ramp will have an Adverse Effect on MNBP, and the need for VDOT to develop, in consultation with DHR and other consulting parties, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to address the adverse effect.

Featherbed Lane

Featherbed Lane, an unpaved road with limited two-way traffic, is the sole unimproved roadway remaining within MNBP and traverses key terrain of the 2nd Manassas Battlefield. Key preservation concerns include the impact of paving and straightening the roadway on the historic character of Featherbed Lane within MNBP, leading to increased use by commuters as an alternative to Route 234.

The National Park Service (NPS) is a primary property owner of Featherbed Lane and land adjacent to Featherbed Lane, with VDOT holding a 30-foot wide prescriptive easement; and the majority of the property on both sides of the roadway is included in the National Register of Historic Places as part of the Manassas National Battlefield.

The NPS's primary concerns focus on preserving the roadway setting, which includes dense tree cover, as well as the safety of the public at the three existing MNBP trail crossings of Featherbed Lane, particularly the crossing at General Trimbles Lane.

VDOT has funds and wants to pave Featherbed Lane up to the intersection with General Trimbles Lane. Local homeowners initially supported paving contingent on including traffic-calming measures – current traffic count/use data does not qualify for

traffic-calming measures. Homeowners do not support paving without traffic-calming measures. As of November 21, 2017, the project remains on hold.

Latsios Property (southwest quadrant of the intersection of US Route 29 and Pageland Lane, opposite Stuart's Hill & the MNBP HQ)

In November 2017, a rezoning application was submitted to Prince William County for the *Gainesville Crossing* development proposed for this tract of land. While no direct fighting in the 2nd Battle of Manassas occurred on this land, which is adjacent to the Manassas Battlefield, it was the location for several unit camps and a Texas field hospital, the site of the August 28, 1862 meeting between Generals Lee, Longstreet and Jackson, and includes a monument to Thomas Dunklin, 4th Texas Infantry, who was mortally wounded during the 2nd Battle of Manassas.

In January 2018, BRCWRT submitted its recommendations to the Prince William County Planning Office for a comprehensive military site survey of the tract, adequate buffer zone along US Route 29 to protect the view shed from Brawner Farm, commemorative site/kiosk for the Lee-Longstreet-Jackson August 28, 1862 meeting, and repair of the Dunklin monument to be included in the Planning Office's response to the developer.

On March 23, 2018, the Prince William County Planning Office completed its review of the rezoning application and submitted its comments that included the following requests; an evaluation of standing structures for historical significance, a Military Site Survey (Civil War research and Metal Detector Survey) of the NE portion of the tract and a Phase II evaluation and, if warranted, a Phase III study, to the developer. The Planning Office also identified the location of the "Park-and-Ride" lot under construction at University Drive and I-66 (part of the I-66 transformation project) that conflicts with the development and is not integrated into the proposal and Illustrative Concept. The developer was apparently unaware of the planned "Park-and-Ride and is currently reviewing and reconsidering the development plans.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
Cellular Communications Tower (Monopole) at
Signal Hill Park (Signal [Wilcoxon] Hill)

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Milestone Communications (representing Verizon) is planning with the municipality of Manassas Park for the installation of a cellular communication tower (monopole) by Trileaf Communications in Signal Hill Park located on Signal View Drive in Manassas Park.

On August 3, 2017, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) concluded its assessment of the proposed communications tower and issued its findings, “We believe that the undertaking will have No Adverse Effect on historic properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, specifically the First Battle of Bull Run, First Battle of Manassas (076-0271), Signal Hill (076-0016), and the Bristoe Station Battlefield (076-5036).”

The cellular communications monopole has been installed in Signal Hill Park, and per development proffer, an asphalt walkway has been installed from the Cayden Ridge development to the Blooms Road entrance to Signal Hill Park. BRCWRT continues to work with the Prince William County Historical Commission and the Prince William County Planning Office in encouraging Manassas Park to incorporate the preservation and interpretation of the Signal (Wilcoxon) Hill historical site into its plans for this area. BRCWRT is also working with the City of Manassas Park planning staff to incorporate this initiative into the city’s strategic plan and Capital Improvement Plan.

Bristoe Station and Kettle Run Battlefields Broad Run Golf Academy

This property is well within the core Bristoe Station Battlefield and contains some winter hut sites. Much of this property is also wetlands. The Golf Academy property was recently sold to a commercial interest that may seek tract rezoning; however, as of November 2017, no rezoning request/application has been filed with Prince William County (PWC).

Brown’s Battery Site

As of December 2016, the proposal to extend the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) line to Haymarket has been abandoned. However, VRE has announced plans to establish a railroad maintenance yard in the vicinity of the presumed site of Brown’s Battery that is on property owned by Prince William County (PWC). Both BRCWRT and the PWC His-

toric Resources office have proposed incorporation of the battery site into Bristoe Station Battlefield Park. Current (Sep 2018) plans for the VRE railroad maintenance yard do not appear to encroach on the presumed Brown’s Battery site. A VRE Broad Run Expansion Open House is planned for September 26 at the VRE Broad Run Station (10637 Viper Lane in Bristow).

Manassas Assembly of God Property

This church-owned property includes the terrain over which Brig. Gen. William Kirkland’s North Carolina Brigade advanced toward the railroad cut occupied by Union forces during the Battle of Bristoe Station. The church and its pastor have, from time-to-time, proposed to develop the tract for various purposes including that of a for-profit cemetery. The southern half of this property is currently zoned M-2 (light industrial); the entire property is shown as Flexible Employment Center on the Comprehensive Plan. This property is crucial to preserving the core Bristoe Station Battlefield.

Hylton Property

The southwest quadrant of the Bristoe Station Battlefield, incorporating portions of the Union defensive lines and the site of Arnold’s Battery is owned by Hylton Enterprises, a large-scale home developer in Prince William County (PWC). To date, we are not aware of any action(s) by Hylton to develop this tract.

FAIRFAX COUNTY

Ox Hill (Chantilly) Battlefield Park

The long-awaited installation of the Union and Confederate soldiers’ monuments at Ox Hill Battlefield Park, scheduled for September 2017, was “postponed indefinitely” by Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA). BRCWRT representatives met with FCPA director and staff members on August 29, 2017 to discuss the status of, and plans for, installing the soldiers’ monuments in the park. *The subject monuments were approved by the Park Authority in 2005 as part of the Ox Hill Battlefield Park General Management Plan and Conceptual Development Plan, and are memorials to the Union and Confederate soldiers, who fought in the September 1, 1862 Battle of Chantilly/Ox Hill – the only major battle to occur in Fairfax County.*

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FCPA's expressed primary concerns were for citizen safety and taking care not to create an opportunity for outside groups to stage protests and confrontations. FCPA's expressed intent is to fully implement the plan for the park, as envisioned in the Ox Hill Battlefield Park General Management Plan and Conceptual Development Plan approved in January 2005.

Scheduled follow-up meetings between BRCWRT representatives and the FCPA director and his staff to review the status and plan for installation of the soldiers' monuments in April and June 2018 were postponed with no new dates proposed. BRCWRT continues to stress to FCPA the importance of installing the soldiers' monuments, and is engaging others, including the Springfield District Supervisor and the Fairfax County History Commission, in support of this effort.

Farr's Cross Roads Redoubt Site

Local historians have long known of the significance of the area surrounding the Ox Road (Route 123)/Braddock Road (Route 620) intersection (Farr's Cross Roads). Of particular interest is a redoubt constructed by Col. Robert Rodes' 5th Alabama (Ewell's Brigade) in July 1861 prior to Battle of 1st Manassas/Bull Run, located on the George Mason University (GMU) Fairfax Campus. The site is in a small wooded area on the northeast quadrant of the Ox Road/Braddock Road intersection.

While expansion of the Mason Global Center and parking lot, and the enlargement of student parking lot K has reduced the overall size of the site and potentially obliterated some of the earthworks, the redoubt remains intact and is in remarkably good condition. The site was documented in the Fairfax County Civil War Sites Inventory completed by John Milner Associates, Inc. for the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) in 2002 and is included (44FX185) in the Fairfax County and Virginia historic site databases. Archaeologist Brian Corle, while a graduate student at George Mason University (GMU), completed an *Archeological Assessment of Site 44FX185, The Earthwork at Farris Crossroads Fairfax County, Virginia* in 2008.

BRCWRT members Blake Myers, Brian McEnany and Jim Lewis have worked with and

supported GMU's History Department in developing a concept plan for preserving and interpreting the Farr's Cross Roads Redoubt. The initial site concept and preliminary treatment plan, including preliminary cost estimates, have been completed and provided to our GMU points of contact. On September 14, 2018, our GMU team met with GMU's senior officials for planning, facilities and real estate offices to discuss the significance of the site, the value to GMU of preserving and interpreting the site, and our initial site concept and treatment plan. Based on the success of this meeting, BRCWRT is continuing to work with its GMU partners on follow-up actions necessary to incorporate this initiative into GMU's strategic plan and budgeting process.

Centreville Six Historical Marker

Six weeks after the guns of Fort Sumter sounded, 17-year-old Albert Wentworth enlisted in the 1st Massachusetts Infantry Regiment. Less than two months later, he and several of his comrades would be among the first soldiers killed in the Civil War, shot by Confederates at the Battle of Blackburn's Ford.

The soldiers were hastily buried in shallow graves as the Union Army retreated, disorganized and demoralized, to Washington following their defeat at First Manassas. The gravesites were lost for more than a century until 1994, when a local relic hunter and Civil War historian discovered the remains of one of the soldiers in an area slated to become the location of a McDonald's restaurant near the intersection of Route 28 (Centreville Road) and Route 29 (Lee Highway).

A subsequent excavation of the gravesite led by Smithsonian forensic anthropologists found the remains of six Civil War soldiers buried side-by-side, who came to be known as the Centreville Six. Forensic analysis at the Smithsonian and research of Civil War records helped to solve the intriguing mystery about who the soldiers were and how they died.

BRCWRT members, led by Jim Lewis, are currently working with the McDonald's franchise owner and Virginia Civil War Trails (CWT) to install a Virginia CWT marker on the discovery site at the McDonald's parking lot.

BRCWRT Preservation Committee: Blake Myers (Chair), John De Pue, Kim Brace, Rob Orrison, John Pearson, and Jim Lewis



L to R: Greg Wilson, Charlie Balch, Dan Lundeen, Sam Laudenslager, Alan Day, Bill Backus, Randy Moller, Rose Nelson, John Price, Joe Young and Dan Paterson. Photo taken at St. Michael's Anglican Church, Greenwich, VA by Dan Paterson's grandson Eli Comegys. Marvin Wilson also attended the tour.

BRCWRT MEMBERS RETRACE THE 1863 BISTOE CAMPAIGN WITH PWC HISTORIAN BILL BACKUS

By Greg Wilson

Eleven BRCWRT members participated in a first-class tour of the 1863 Bristoe Campaign conducted by noted Prince William County historian, historic preservationist and BRCWRT member Bill Backus on Saturday, September 29. Backus is the co-author with Robert Orrison of the authoritative book, *A Want of Vigilance: The Bristoe Station Campaign, October 9-19, 1863*, which is a magnificent tour guide to the entire campaign including driving directions and GPS coordinates for nine different stops starting in Orange, VA.

The tour started on a beautiful Saturday morning at Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park in Bristow, VA. Bill gave a brief overview of the Bristoe Campaign, before leading the group on a driving circuit tour, which included some of the key points of the ten-day campaign.

Leaving the park and driving southwest on Route 28 (Nokesville Road), the first stop was at Catlett Station in Fauquier County (intersection of Elk Run Road and Catlett Road), where Bill reviewed the strategic military importance of the Orange & Alexandria Rail Road to both the Union and Confederate armies.

From Catlett Station, the tour proceeded northwest on Route 667 to the second stop at Auburn (intersection of Rogues Road (Route 602) and Old Auburn Road (Route 670) in Fauquier) overlooking Cedar Run. Bill discussed the Battle of Coffee Hill (Second Battle of Auburn), which occurred on October 14, 1863. Two of Gen. J.E.B. Stuart's cavalry brigades were cut off from the rest of the Army of Northern Virginia by two Union corps, and Stuart had to fight his way through the Federal lines with help from Gen. Richard S. Ewell.

From Auburn, the tour drove northeast to the village of Greenwich in Prince William County, near the childhood home of Gen. Ewell (Stony Lonesome Farm (Belleville)). The group stopped in the parking lot of St. Michael's Anglican Church (intersection of Greenwich Road and Rogues Road), where Bill explained the troop movements of both Gen. Ewell and Gen. A. P. Hill's troops, who were pursuing Gen. George G. Meade's Army of the Potomac, which was marching north to Centreville.

The tour then proceeded east to a quick lunch at Tuscani Italian Grill in Bristow (Sowder Village Square, intersection of Route 28 and Piper Lane). After lunch, the group walked over to Broad Run (behind Chick-fil-A) and the site of the Milford Mill, where Bill explained preliminary actions there prior to the battle.

Next, the tour drove a short distance to get a better view of the vantage point that A. P. Hill had on the day of the battle (at the Bristoe Center Shopping Center on Route 28, in the parking lot closest to Harris Teeter). Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson used the same hill as his vantage point in 1862 on his way to Second Manassas.

Finally, the group returned to Bristoe Station Battlefield Heritage Park, where Bill led a personalized walking tour for the remainder of the afternoon to retrace and recount the final actions of the Battle of Bristoe Station. To those who could not attend, you missed an excellent tour by one of the leading experts of the Bristoe Campaign.



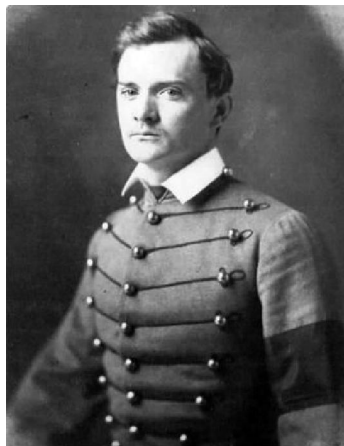
**CIVIL WAR TRAVELS
WITH MS. REBELLE**
**KIA – 1ST LIEUTENANT
CHARLES EDWARD HAZLETT,
USA**

By Janet Greentree

Ms. Rebelle was off on another road trip in August to attend a wedding celebration in Ohio, so you all know what else had to be accomplished on the trip. Four new Civil War generals' graves were found as well as one of the young men killed on Little Round Top during the battle of Gettysburg on July 2, 1863. The Civil War generals added to my list include Catharinus P. Buckingham in Woodlawn Cemetery, Zanesville, Ohio, and Robert Seaman Granger in Greenwood Cemetery in Zanesville, Ohio. On the way home, Ms. Rebelle found a "two-fer" in Newark, Ohio for Charles Robert Woods, and William Burnham Woods, both buried in the same plot in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Charles Edward Hazlett, the young man killed, was born in Zanesville, Ohio on October 15, 1838, to Robert Hazlett and Lucy Welles Reed. Charles was one of eight children of the Hazletts including five boys and three girls. His brother, Captain John Caldwell Hazlett, died on June 7, 1863, fighting at Stones River, Murfreesboro, TN. The year 1863 had to be a difficult one for the Hazlett family.

Charles attended Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, before joining the class of 1861 at West Point. He was appointed by the Honorable Edward Ball on April 6, 1855. Charles was a bit of what we call nowadays "a maverick," was court-martialed for failing to obey a direct order, and suspended for several months from West Point during his first year. He reentered West Point in 1856. He did manage to graduate on May 6, 1861, fifteenth in his class out of 43 cadets. Charles had sandy colored hair and was often seen playing a banjo in his room.



Charles Edward Hazlett

Future generals graduating in the May 1861 class were Adelbert Ames, Hugh Judson Kilpatrick, and Emory Upton. The second class to graduate in

June 1861 included Alonzo Cushing, George Armstrong Custer, and Patrick O'Rourke. Charles Hazlett and Patrick O'Rourke died on July 2nd on Little Round Top. Alonzo Cushing died on July 3rd during Pickett's Charge and George Woodruff died on July 3rd at Ziegler's Grove. The latter was also a member of the June 1861 class at West Point.

Hazlett was first assigned to the 2nd U.S. Cavalry after graduation but soon was transferred and promoted to 1st Lieutenant in Battery D, 5th U.S. Artillery. He would stay in this unit through the rest of the Civil War. His first assignment was drilling volunteers in Washington, D.C. He fought in eleven battles including 1st Manassas/Bull Run, Peninsula Campaign, Yorktown, Gaines Mill, Malvern Hill, Seven Days, 2nd Manassas/Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and finally Gettysburg.

He was assigned to General Gouverneur K. Warren at Gettysburg with the 3rd Division, V Corps. He was in charge of six 3-inch 10-pounder Parrott rifles and had orders to get them up the rocky hill to Little Round Top. Only four guns made it up the hill. Even General Warren helped drag the cannons up the hill. General Alexander Webb inspected Hazlett's Artillery and noted that Lt. Hazlett was the only officer present. He reported the cannons in good condition.

Hazlett's battery was subjected to constant fire from the Confederates in Devil's Den. They were unable to lower the cannons to defend against



Hazlett's Guns Pointing Towards the Devil's Den

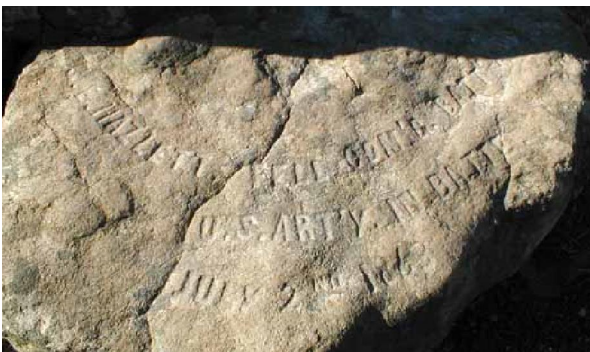
the incoming fire. Only moments after the cannons were in place, General Stephen H. Weed was standing near the battery when he was mortally wounded. Lt. Benjamin H. Rittenhouse got to General Weed first. Weed said "I am cut in two, I want to see Hazlett. By sundown I will be as dead as Julius Caesar." Hazlett bent down to try to hear what Weed was saying to him when he was instantly killed with a shot to the head falling on top of General Weed. Weed's last words were reported as: "I would rather die here than that the rebels should gain an inch of this ground."

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Command of Hazlett's artillery went to Lt. Rittenhouse. Colonel Kenner Garrard took over for General Weed. 1st Lieutenant Charles Edward Hazlett was only 24 years old when he died.

Don Hakenson who has led many Mosby tours is always saying, "Can you feel it!" when we are standing on hallowed ground on some Civil War site. Ms. Rebelle went up to Little Round Top to find the marker for Hazlett. There are three markers mentioning Hazlett up there. The first one was to the 91st Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers, which mentioned Hazlett. In 1889, a larger monument was built next to this monument to the left on top of a boulder already mentioning "Hazlett fell com'r Batt'y D, 5 U.S. Art'y in battle Jul 2, 1863." The monument itself is inscribed: "91 P.V.V. Reg., Position July 2, 3, 4, 1863. Erected by the 91 Reg P.V. in memory of Brig. Gen. Weed, 3 Brig., 2 Div, 5 A.C., and LT. Chas. E. Hazlett, 5th U.S. Arty who fell at this spot Jul 2, 1863." I have to tell you that Ms. Rebelle could feel it when she saw the inscription on the boulder.



Hazlett's name in marker at base of 2nd monument

O'Rorke and Hazlett were killed instantly but General Weed died during the night at 9:05 p.m. All three were taken to the Jacob Weikert farm on Taneytown Road, which was being used as the hospital for the V Corps. The corpses of Hazlett and O'Rorke were placed side by side on the front porch of the Weichert residence and covered with a sheet. Weed was taken to the basement to a cellar kitchen. It was there that he encountered Tillie Pierce. She did not know who he was but tried to make him comfortable. She asked if



Jacob Weikert Farm

there was anything she could do for him. Weed's response was: "Will you promise to come back in the morning to see me?" When she returned in the morning, he was lying dead on the porch with Hazlett and O'Rorke. Weed and O'Rorke were buried in the rear of the Lewis Bushman farm on the west side of the first apple tree according to Lt. William Crennell, aide to General Weed. Lt. Hazlett was buried in the east end of Weikert's garden. His family would later come to Gettysburg, disinter him, and bury him in Woodlawn Cemetery in their home town of Zanesville, Ohio.



Hazlett's marker in Woodlawn Cemetery in Zanesville, OH



Ms. Rebelle would like to give a hearty thank you to Tricia Lewis, Zanesville Cemeteries & Parks, for kindly sending maps to me of the two cemeteries in Zanesville plus instructions as to where each of the generals and Hazlett were buried. What a great help to grave finders like me.

NOTE: Ms. Rebelle's hobby is travelling the country finding and honoring the graves of our 1,008 Civil War generals. So far she has located and photographed 420 - 169 Confederate and 251 Union. You may contact her at jlqtree@erols.com.

Stay tuned for Ms. Rebelle's next adventure!

GREAT BRCWRT SUCCESS AT THE MANASSAS HISTORY WEEKEND

The Manassas Museum's History Weekend was held August 25-26, with the Civil War events being held at nearby Liberia House. Doug Horhota provided the BRCWRT with a prime location to position our tent to advertise the round table. As they had at Ben Lomond House on August 25-26, the BRCWRT volunteers not only sought new memberships, but also sold used books. Your BRCWRT team had a tremendous couple of days at Liberia this weekend, despite very disappointing crowd numbers of which many blamed on the City of Manassas for declining to advertise the History Weekend event, despite its PC move to a broader historical theme.

In addition to the BRCWRT volunteers in the photo at left, Stephanie Vale (who worked both days, as did Debbie, Mark, Drew, and Blake), Kate Bitely, Kim Brace, Mike Shannon, Chris Kern, and Dan Lundeen joined in this team effort. As a result, the BRCWRT signed up 11 new members (4 of them family memberships) and sold \$245 in used books!



From l to r: Drew Pallo, Blake Myers, Debbie Whitenton, Mark Whitenton, Chris Kern, and Jim Lewis. (Photo provided by Jim Lewis).

One new feature of this particular membership drive was Debbie Whitenton's idea to hold a raffle among those who signed up and paid by Sunday afternoon. The concept was to convince new members to sign up then and there, rather than say, "I'll join at your next meeting." On Sunday evening, Gen. Lee (Al Stone) drew the winner among the 11 paid new members. **The winner, Darilyn Gould**, (pictured to the right) received her raffle prizes at our September 13 meeting -- a print provided by Charlie Balch, an NPS Manassas DVD donated by Debbie Whitenton, and a BRCWRT cap provided by Drew Pallo. Welcome all new members and thank you for a real team effort!



WELCOME BRCWRT RECRUITS!

Daryl and Christine Grubbs, Brian McDougal, Kevin Klemick, Scott and Wendy Adkins, Darilyn Gould, Carol Polkinghorne, Denise Wierzbicki, Harry Sonntag, Kraig Butrum, Sharon Tomochak-Owen, William Williard, Andrew Beverage, Frank and Ruth Simione, Larry and Kimberlee Turner, Bernadette Arico



THE BOOK CORNER

By Ralph Swanson



How can any book about American Negro slavery be called beautiful? But *Before Freedom Came, African-American Life in the Antebellum South* (Museum of the Confederacy and the University Press of Virginia, 1991) is beautiful. It is beautiful in every aspect of its creation and presentation—the artwork, the historic artifacts portrayed, even the paper it is printed on. And it is beautifully written. It has always been a favorite on my Civil War bookshelf, and I have read it several times.

The book is comprised of six detailed essays on slavery, each by a distinguished American historian. Each explores a different aspect of slave life in America in the years before that great civil strife engulfed our nation. Some topics, like slave life in the cities, and the archeology of slave life, have rarely been covered elsewhere. This is a book about slavery when slavery was integral to the southern economy and accepted (if grudgingly) elsewhere in our nation. *Before Freedom Came* portrays authentic, pre-plantation slavery in America.

A book has to grab me and hold me before I will recommend it to our BRCWRT. *Before Freedom Came* does just that. It is probably the photographs. Oh, those photos are so compelling! Enslaved black faces look out at us from nearly every page. They are dignified and, yes, they are beautiful. They pick cotton, they hoe tobacco, they care for white children. They are all members of black families; many are, no doubt, members of white families. Most of all, they are us.

Kenneth M. Stampp in his seminal *The Peculiar Institution*, said blacks are merely white people with black skin. I think he meant that no matter how enslaved, how degraded, these people held the same hopes and aspirations for themselves, for their children and for their communities, as we all do.

The presentations of slave documents are especially noteworthy. We rarely see slave documents in the museums. They are probably just too fragile and must be kept off display. In this book, they are so well reproduced that they are easily readable. Through them, we get a glimpse of how black proper-

ty was managed and monitored. We see how cook Mary argued—successfully—with her master for a new pair of shoes at Christmas time. It evokes a charming incident in any context. But this was slavery. There probably is no one story of American Negro slavery. Every slave, every slave owner, was different. Not even *Before Freedom Came* can capture it all.

What was the mindset in America that once accepted such a thing as slavery that we now consider so abhorrent? What forces altered our thinking? Were we such different people just 150+ years ago? Our own parents may have known elderly ex-slaves or ex-slave owners. It was simply not that long ago. Our Civil War, of course, started the transformation, but that was just four years of terrible strife. What else has brought us this far?

Reconstruction was our first stumbling attempt. The modern civil rights movement has certainly advanced things, but it is clearly not finished. Many years of affirmative action and anti-discrimination laws have helped. But there is something unique about slavery that still needs to be cured. It is the most sensitive and controversial issue in our society today—race. And that was not solved by our Civil War. (By the way, there is no genetic or other scientific basis for distinguishing the races. It is all made up.)

On the bright side, I think our American laws and policies underscore the overriding social force in our country: the unalterable will of the vast majority of our people that all vestiges of slavery shall be ripped from our society root and branch. They serve no useful purpose in a modern society, and we should be done with it all. But we have to want it bad, because it is going to fight us every step of the way. You and I will not likely see the end of it. But, like Lincoln in his day, we hope to perceive its eventual extinction.

We in the BRCWRT will continually seek to understand these forces and events with such outstanding helps as *Before Freedom Came*. We will not ignore or allow this history to be erased.

Until next time, keep reading.

NOTE: As always, The Book Corner invites our members to critique these book reviews or offer other suggestions for outstanding Civil War literature that will be of interest and benefit to our members. BRCWRT member Ralph Swanson lives in Prescott, AZ. Contact him at renataralph@gmail.com.



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